



OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **Senate Bill 860 Implementation**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the changes to renewal eligibility for Cal Grant recipients per Senate Bill 860. As previously mentioned in [GSA 2014-18](#), starting in the 2014-15 award year, the following changes will be in effect:

- Any Cal Grant recipient who was determined to be ineligible for renewal in the 2012-13 or 2013-14 academic year for exceeding the income/assets ceilings or by not demonstrating financial need, will be renewed for 2014-15 if:
 - The recipient currently meets all eligibility requirements for renewal and;
 - The recipient has remaining program award eligibility
- If renewed for 2014-15, any academic year during which a student was ineligible, shall reduce their program eligibility by one full-time equivalent academic year.

Starting with the 2015-16 academic year, and each year thereafter, the following changes will be in effect:

- Any Cal Grant recipient who was ineligible for a renewal award during the prior year because he or she exceeded the income/asset ceilings or did not demonstrate financial need, shall be eligible to receive a renewal award if:
 - The recipient meets all eligibility requirements for 2015-16 renewal and;
 - The recipient has remaining program award eligibility
- If renewed, the Commission shall reduce the student's program eligibility by one full-time equivalent academic year.

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